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The violence and the grave and wide-ranging violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law that are occurring in the Syrian Arab Republic present a serious and growing menace to that country and the region. The Arab States are deeply concerned at the Syrian crisis, in view of the continuing deterioration of the humanitarian situation and the dire consequences that this has had for security and stability.

Accordingly, on 3 November 2013, the Council of the League of Arab States at the ministerial level adopted a resolution in which it calls on the Group of Arab States at the United Nations to present a draft resolution to the Security Council regarding the situation in the Syrian Arab Republic.

Inasmuch as the Security Council is currently considering a draft resolution concerning the humanitarian situation in the Syrian Arab Republic, the Group of Arab States affirms its support for the Council's intention to adopt a resolution in that regard and calls on the Council to shoulder its responsibilities under the Charter of the United Nations, in order to provide urgently all forms of humanitarian assistance to Syrian civilians and protect them against all threats to their lives, in accordance with international humanitarian law, in particular the Fourth Geneva Convention of 1949, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and other relevant international human rights instruments.

I should be grateful if the present letter could be circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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